

Appl. No. 10/047,454

PATENT

Amendment dated September 7, 2005

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 2878

Response to Office Action dated February 11, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**Status of Application**

Claims 1-8, 10-29, 31-32, 37-42, and 55-57 are pending. Claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-28, 31-32, 40-42, 39, and 55-57 have been allowed. Claims 36-39 were objected to as depending from a rejected claim.

Claims 29-30 and 33-35 were rejected over the prior art.

**Claim Amendment**

Applicant has:

- amended claim 29 to incorporate the limitations of claim 36, which was indicated to recite allowable subject matter;
- canceled rejected dependent claims 30 and 33-35;
- canceled dependent 36 since it was incorporated into claim 29; and
- amended dependent claims 37-39 to incorporate the limitations of claim 29.

**This Amendment Should be Entered**

This Amendment cancels four rejected dependent claims (30 and 33-35), amends rejected independent claim 29 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 36, and amends three allowable dependent claims (37-39) to incorporate the limitations of their base claim 29.

This Amendment reduces the total number of claims and converts all the dependent claims indicated allowable to independent form. Thus, this Amendment puts the application in condition for allowance, and should be entered.

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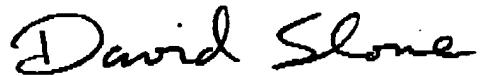
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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